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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1881. [9]

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Hongkong, January 30th, 1882. [79]

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Hongkong, 11th November, 1881. [25]

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

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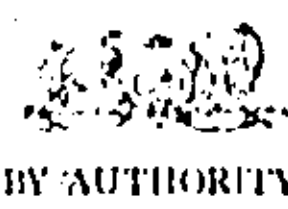
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countermanded.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1882.

NEARLY five years ago the Earl of Carnarvon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a despatch to Governor HENNESSY on the broad question of prison discipline and general treatment of criminals, observed:—"I rely on you to review the whole question of prison discipline in Hongkong; and to make such proposals as will place the system upon a sound basis for the future." The thoroughly unsatisfactory character of our prison discipline and treatment of criminals, the gross outrages on common humanity and our advanced civilisation, the shocking brutalities which would have disgraced a heathen nation, and which for years had been openly, although illegally, carried on in this Colony under Government sanction, had at length made themselves known at the Colonial Office, and, in obedience to the indignant voice of public opinion at home, Lord Carnarvon at once initiated measures to effect a sweeping reform by instructing the Governor of the Colony to take such steps as he might deem advisable to place the entire system upon a sound basis for the future. How well and successfully Sir John Pope Hennessy has fulfilled the important mission entrusted to his experienced judgment and tried discretion, may be satisfactorily arrived at by impartially comparing what existed five years ago with the actual state of affairs at the present day. Broadly stated, the results of the Earl of Carnarvon's general instructions have been a complete revolution in our gaol discipline; the inauguration of sensible reforms in the treatment of criminals, the usefulness of which has been already demonstrated by practical working; a noteworthy decrease in crime, and the total abolition of that disgusting remnant of barbarism the public whipping-post.

Old residents of this Colony, men who have been intimately associated with the history of Hongkong for the past quarter of a century, assure us that the scenes enacted in the "good old times" at the back of the Harbour Master's Office day after day were simply revolting in their naked brutality. Strong men, who on more occasions than one had stood amidst a storm of bullets with perfect calmness in their country's service; gallant soldiers and sailors whose duty it was to look death in the face without moving a muscle, have told us that they have frequently turned away sick and faint from the sight of a poor bleeding wretch, tied to the whipping-post and almost cut to ribbons by the cruel lash. This is no highly coloured sketch; but a true picture drawn from life. We have personally witnessed during Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY's Government, legalised proceedings at the public whipping-post which would have made King THEBES shudder and the blood-thirsty King of Dahomey blush for shame. And these barbarities were carried out under the shadow and protection of that flag which has been termed the pioneer of civilisation, the emblem of liberty.

We are no advocates of mawkish sentimentalism, no rabid special protector of, or apologist for, the native race of this Colony. The criminal classes in all countries in the world can only be kept under

and properly controlled by the strong hand. Punishments for crime should be proportionately severe and deterrent according to the nature of the offence. Crimes of a serious nature ought to be severely punished, but unless in extreme cases of personal violence, such as garroting or robbery with actual violence and brutality, we would not sanction the use of the lash, and under no circumstances would we allow this brutal and degrading punishment to be inflicted in public. If flogging must be retained in our ordinances as a mode of punishing certain offences, surely Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY was wise in his generation in decreeing that the culprit should receive the degrading infliction in private. The right to kill the body is questionable; to kill the soul, and bring a human being to the level of the brute creation by tyrannical cruelty, carries its own condemnation with it.

It is well known that Governor HENNESSY has had no easy task in overcoming local prejudices in favor of public flogging. The opposition he has encountered in his every attempt to place the treatment of criminals on a reasonable and satisfactory basis, must be accepted as an indication of the strong Anti-Chinese feeling which exists in almost every section of our foreign community. His Excellency's views on flogging, and other kindred matters affecting the treatment of convicted criminals, have undoubtedly tended to make his regime unpopular, and personally secured him numerous enemies. Local public opinion and private interests have, however, never been permitted to interfere with Governor HENNESSY's carefully devised arrangements; consistently, steadily, and surely, he has worked onwards to justify the confidence reposed in his sound judgment by the Earl of Carnarvon in June 1877; and the final removal of the whipping-post on Friday last may be taken as a triumphant vindication of the so-called humanitarian policy which has been so bitterly assailed for years past by the local press.

It has been generally believed that Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY came to Hongkong holding certain preconceived opinions as to the treatment of the criminal classes, formed from his associations with the Chinese race in other parts of the world, and we have seen it frequently stated that from the very commencement of his governorship he left no stone unturned to substitute his own peculiar humanitarian ideas for the then existing state of affairs. Nothing could possibly be further from the truth than this. Indisputable records conclusively prove that Governor HENNESSY came to Hongkong perfectly unbiased, desirous of governing the Colony in the best interests of its inhabitants and of the British Government. In a despatch to the Secretary of State, dated July 6th 1877, His Excellency remarks:—"Looking, however, to the theory held by intelligent Europeans here as to the specially criminal character of the native population of the Colony, and to the views of experienced European officials, and other gentlemen, who have lived in Hongkong for many years, that flogging is one of the very best modes of dealing with Chinese criminals, I am not prepared, without careful inquiry and much greater consideration than I have yet been able to give to the subject, to recommend a more humane code of laws, or to make any attempt to assimilate in this respect the Ordinances of the Colony with the general practice of the British Empire. But, whilst I note this state of the law, without at present being able to lay before your Lordship any scheme for improving it, I have seen quite enough of the mode of its administration to feel justified in asking your Lordship to sanction an alteration in some of the details of the punishment." This extract speaks for itself, and requires no comment of ours to show how unfairly His Excellency has been treated.

Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY will probably leave for England by to-morrow's mail. The abolition of a public whipping post, and public flogging are not the least meritorious acts of His Excellency's useful career. He can truly say that he leaves Hongkong better than he found it, in almost every important respect, and that is a proud boast which will no doubt be readily admitted, and properly appreciated by Her Majesty's Government.

In our article of last Friday, reviewing the salient features of the recent meeting of the Legislative Council, one point of considerable political significance was omitted. We refer to Lord KIMBERLEY's erasure from the Banishment and Conditional Pardons Ordinance of the following clause:—

Any Justice of the Peace may lawfully arrest, or cause to be arrested, with or without warrant, any person whom he reasonably suspects to be an enemy or abettor of Her Majesty's enemies, or of pirates, or of Chinese dissatisfied to Her Majesty's Government, or otherwise dangerous to the peace and good order of this Colony, and safely keep him until he can be dealt with according to law.

With respect to which, Lord KIMBERLEY writes, "the section in question was originally introduced for political considerations which do not apply to the present condi-

tion of the Colony. I think, therefore, that the section may be altogether omitted, as being no longer necessary."

Now, this sentence in the original ordinance was re-enacted only a year before Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY arrived in the Colony, and that re-enactment received the Queen's assent. It follows that a precaution which was deemed necessary no longer ago than 1876, is now deemed unnecessary. The political considerations which demanded its retention at that time are at an end, and it is plain that this change for the better is the direct outcome of Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY's policy. That is to say, a few years of his enlightened and sensible rule have so vastly improved the relations of this Colony with China, and strengthened the loyalty of the Chinese population, that there is no longer any occasion to retain this restrictive clause on the Statute Book. His Excellency was certainly fully justified in giving prominence to this highly satisfactory indication of some of the fruits of his government.

As able paper by Major PALMER, "On a determination of latitude at Mount Elgin in the Kau-lung Peninsula," is published in the *Gazette*. The point of observation is on the site of the proposed Observatory, the latitude of which has now been determined by Major PALMER with the highest precision. He has evidently done this work thoroughly, once for all. The instrument employed is a "zenith telescope," and the method, the invention of an American Engineer Officer, the most "beautiful" of all known means of determining latitude. Of fifty-six observations taken during January and February, two only had to be rejected as imperfect. From the remaining 54, the resulting latitudes show a remarkable agreement together, the whole range of results only extending over about 5 seconds of arc. The probable error of a single determination is found from the observations themselves to be no more than 0.53 sec., which, as Major PALMER writes, "not only illustrates the high excellence of the method, but exhibits a very satisfactory agreement with the adopted value (0.50 sec.) in the United States Coast Survey Department, where the method has been in use for some 35 years."

As a final result, after much evident abstruse and laborious investigation, the latitude of the instrument pier is found to be 22 degrees 18 minutes 11.91 seconds North, with a probable error of only 19.2 feet. The whole paper forms a fitting sequel to the exhaustive Report by the same officer, containing a scheme for the proposed Observatory, which we reviewed at length on its appearance in September last. Such publications as these do credit to the Government *Gazette* as well as to their author.

THIS morning before Captain Thomsett, R.N., Harbour-master, John Buchanan, fireman; and Lewis Livingston, Alexander Anderson, and Alfred Acklin, seamen, on board the steamship *Glengyle*, were charged with mutinous conduct in the harbour on the 5th instant.—Samuel Nicholson stated—I am master of the *Glengyle*. Last night about ten o'clock I came alongside. I saw first defendant throw a capstan bar over board and tell the sampan man to take that for his fare. I made the sampan man bring the bar back. I charged Buchanan with stealing the capstan bar, and he called me all sorts of names. He went forward and then came aft again. I was in my cabin, and he came in. I told him to go away. I took him by the shoulder to put him out. He went forward and came aft again with the other defendants. I was then on the poop, and third defendant came up and struck me on the jaw. The second defendant took me by the legs, and the first, second, and third defendants together took me up and threw me off the poop on to the main deck, a height of 10 feet 6 inches. I have been severely hurt, and I produce a doctor's certificate to that effect. The watchman was present and saw this. I lay there for five or six minutes, when the stewards came up, and I told them to send for a doctor. They could not get a sampan. My head was then bathed in cold water, and when I got into the cabin I found I was bleeding profusely from the nose. Some men came to the cabin door and kicked it as if trying to get in. I had locked the doors so that they should not get in. I had signals hoisted for the police, who came on board about 7.30 this morning, when I gave defendants in charge.—The defendants denied having thrown the capstan off the poop, stating that his foot slipped while he was trying to strike one of them, and he fell down the ladder.—The Harbour Master, after hearing other witnesses and the defence, said he did not see any proof that the captain was thrown off the poop, that it was more likely he slipped off than that he was thrown down, adding that the part the captain took in the whole affair was not creditable to him. He said that the captain did not take proper steps to maintain the discipline of the ship, which he thought was in a bad state, and that he was no sooner in harbour than he was in Court.—The captain replied that he had never been before a Court in his life till he came to Hongkong, and that he never before had to do with such a lot as the defendants.—Captain Thomsett sentenced the first defendant to three days' imprisonment with hard labor, and second and third defendants to seven days; the fourth was discharged. The Harbour Master advised all of them to take their discharge when they came out of prison.

THE P. and O. steam-tug *Santa*, well known in Hongkong Harbour, has changed owners, having just been sold for \$7,000 for river service in French Cochinchina.

YESTERDAY the quiet of the sabbath was again disturbed by two distinct alarms of fire being rung out by the fire bells, one at about a quarter past ten o'clock in the morning, the other about seven o'clock in the evening. The first was occasioned by smoke in considerable volume being seen issuing from the cook-house chimney of the three-storied building at the corner of Peel and Gage streets, in the occupation of the firm of Hajecally Asgar and Hajee Esmail, Parmee merchants. The fire, however, never attained to the dignity of a flame, and was speedily extinguished by coolies ascending the roof and throwing buckets of water down the chimney. The other alarm arose through a hanging kerosine lamp on the top floor of a Chinese barber's shop in Peel-street, close to the Queen's-road, becoming all ablaze. An assistant steward of H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, who happened to be near the spot, rushed up to the room, and with the aid of a thick Chinese bed coverlet, which he threw over the lamp, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The services of the Government Fire Brigade did not require to be called into requisition in either instance, though ready and prepared for action if needed. Large crowds of Chinese were assembled in front of both of the houses. This is now the fourth Sunday in succession upon which we have had alarms of fire. When, we wonder, will they cease?

REFERRING to the last appearance of the Italian Opera Company in Shanghai, the *Courier* of the 28th ult. observes:—"A moderate audience assembled at the Lyceum Theatre last night on the occasion of the Verme Italian Opera Company repeating their performance of *Lucia di Lammermoor*. It is to be regretted that there was not a larger attendance at the Theatre, for the vocalists were in excellent voice, and we do not remember hearing them sing better than last night. The chorus, as was promised, was considerably strengthened and the performance of the opera was a great success. Signora Vela in the rôle of Lucia sang superbly, and we must speak in complimentary terms of the vocalisation of Signor Ciochi. Raccini's opera of *Saffo* was promised for Friday; but owing to a change in the arrangements, induced by circumstances which there is no occasion to mention here, the performance will not take place, and the company in reality appeared yesterday night for the last time in Shanghai. They will leave for Hongkong by the steamer *Yangtze* on Thursday, and we wish the Company a success in the place to which they are going commensurate with their merits which are of a high order. Their stay here has been the means of much enjoyment to the public, the musical portion of which will regret being so suddenly deprived of the pleasure of listening to the vocal performances of such a splendid baritone as Signor Ciochi, such an excellent tenor as Signor Vanzetti, such a fine contralto as Signora Sillini, and such pleasing vocalists as Signora Lubici and Pinelli.

A SERIOUS shooting affray, which accident, not intended, prevented having fatal results, occurred shortly before six o'clock last evening in the public house "The Land we live in," in Queen's Road Central. The steward of the American ship *Blue Jacket*, which appears, in one division of the bar, which is separated into two parts by a wooden partition, when two seamen of the same ship entered the other division, and, perceiving the steward, proceeded to pick a quarrel with him. The three were put out into the street by the barman, the steward, who did not wish to have any row with them, returning to the bar, when one of the seamen advanced to the door, drew a revolver, and fired at him from the steps. The first shot missing, he advanced further and fired a second at a distance of but a foot and a half, which took effect in the centre of the steward's forehead, who immediately fell stunned, and it was thought, killed. Fortunately, however, the bullet glanced off in an upward direction to the right, merely inflicting a superficial wound of about an inch in length, and lodged in a beam of the floor above, having in its passage crashed through a quarter-inch board in the ceiling. He then fired at one of the barman and missed, and was about to fire at him a second time when the barman knocked up the revolver with a stick. The remaining shots were fired by him in quick succession, apparently at no definite object. The bar is perforated in several places; one bullet was found lodged in the wall to the right of the bar. Police Constables Dick and Grimbale, on hearing of the affair, rushed into the house and wrested the revolver from the would-be assassin, who, however, contrived to get hold of a police truncheon with which he gave P.C. Dick several severe blows, one cutting his chin through. The other seaman who accompanied him into the house, attempting to rescue him from the hands of the police, was also arrested. The man who fired the shots, who, it appears, was very excited, though not drunk, offered a violent resistance to being taken to the station, it being found necessary to call in the aid of some blue jackets and military police before he could be got there, his arms and legs having to be lashed with ropes. The wounded man was conveyed to the Civil Hospital, and had recovered consciousness when the doctor arrived. We learn the wound is not dangerous, and that he will be able to appear to give evidence in the course of some days. A bad feeling, it appears, exists on the part of the seamen of the ship towards the steward, who only joined the vessel here about six weeks ago, and this is supposed to have led to the affair. The prisoner, by name Frederick Moller, 30, of Germany, was brought up, this morning before Mr. H. E. Wedehouse, Police Magistrate. The evidence of the two barmen, in substance similar to the foregoing, was taken; also that, of the chief-officer and cook on board, which went to show that the defendants had been on bad terms with the steward. The case was then remanded to Saturday next at ten o'clock.

THE steamship *Eolus* went round to Aberdeen Dock this afternoon.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. J. M. da Silva, Jun., to be fourth clerk at the Magistracy.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward by mails closing at Singapore at 4 p.m. to-morrow and 11 a.m. on 8th instant.

DURING the quarter ended February 27th the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, distilled 15,209 proof gallons of rectified spirits.

WE note from the *Gazette* that the Governor has appointed, provisionally, Mr. Ch'an shing-Chan, to be an interpreter to the Inspector of Nuisances.

Mr. Archibald Baird has returned to the Colony, and resumed his duties as First Lighthouse-keeper in connection with the Harbour Master's Department.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that Mr. Edward James Ackroyd, has arrived in the Colony, and assumed the duties of Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Sir John Pope Hennessy will leave for England by the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Cathay* to-morrow afternoon. His Excellency will probably embark from Murray Wharf at about half-past three.

THE Rev. Father Medeiros, superior of the Mission of Timor, a gentleman well-known in this Colony, has been raised to the dignity of Bishop-Coadjutor of the Archbishop of Goa and Primate of the East.

YESTERDAY evening a Chinese picture-frame maker was observed by a lunkong to spit blood in Wellington-street, a few minutes afterwards falling down dead. The body was taken to the Civil Hospital.

WE learn, by a telegram received from London to-day, that the *Daily News* has published a paragraph stating that the Chinese Government has made important proposals for the settlement of the Opium Question.

WE are informed by the Superintendent of the Telegraph Company that the Messageries Maritimes steamship *Natal*, from Marseilles on the 5th ult., left Singapore for Saigon, en route to this port, at six o'clock this morning.

It is notified in the Government *Gazette* of Saturday that Dr. Wharry, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, has been granted by the Secretary of State, an extension of five months' leave of absence on half salary, dating from the 30th of April next.

Mr. Bradlaugh has again been re-elected for Northampton. How will the opponents of the House of commons meet this renewed expression of confidence in the persecuted atheist from the electors of Northampton, is a question the settlement of which may involve serious consequences.

A TELEGRAM dated the 3rd inst. announces that an attempt has been made to assassinate Her Majesty the Queen. No particulars are stated, but it is gratifying to know that Her Majesty escaped unhurt. The would-be assassin was immediately arrested, and is said to be a London clerk.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"The first number of the *Macanese* contains an article on "Mental Economy," from the pen of Mr. Hart-Miller. The article is nothing else but an indirect attack on the Lyceum scheme of education, shortly to be inaugurated in the neighbouring Colony of Macao.

FROM Tientsin, the *Mercury* hears that a telegram arrived there on the 10th saying that Li Hung-chang's mother is better; therefore the Chinese gunboat *Chinghai* will not leave. 'She' got ready to go, because there was hardly any ice in the river. Taku is free from ice, and they have had an extraordinary mild winter, and very fine weather.

A rumour is current in Portuguese circles in the Colony to the effect that Mr. Bastos, Jun., of Macao has tendered a complete apology to the gentlemen who composed the Camoens' Tercentenary Committee for the alleged libellous pamphlet written by the former gentleman against the said committee. We refrain, for the present, from making any comment on what seems to us to be a most doubtful rumour.

THE Coroner's inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Police Constable Anderson, who was killed at the fire in Queen's-road West, on Sunday night the 19th ult., was concluded on Saturday evening, the Jury returning a verdict that the deceased lost his life in the execution of his duty in putting out the flames through the falling of the first and second floors while he was upon the ground floor.

WE note the arrival by the steamship *Yangtze* of the Royal Italian Opera Company, who intend giving a series of operatic representations in Hongkong. Arrangements will be made to produce six different operas on the subscription principle, which in previous years signor Cagli made so popular. The performers, ten in number, are said to be the most talented troupe of artists ever sent to the Far East, so that they should receive extensive patronage from our music-loving community. The opera selected for representation are Verdi's "Il Trovatore," Puccini's "Tutù in Maschera," Donizetti's "La Favorita," Bellini's "La sonnambula," and "La Traviata," and "Un Ballo in Maschera," by Bellini. We understand that Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays have been fixed for the performances, "Il Trovatore" being underlined for Thursday next. A plan of the theatre, where seats may be booked, and tickets secured for the whole series, will be on view at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's, Queen's Road, to-morrow.

